The Church Unity Octave

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JANUARY 18th—25th

From the *Feast of St. Peter's Chair at Rome* to the *Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul,* the Apostle of the Nations.

It is only by the reunion of all Christians into the one Visible Kingdom of Christ, symbolized by the Chair of St. Peter at Rome, the central See of Christendom, that the power of the Church can be directed, without the present waste and rivalry, to the conversion of the whole world by the One Faith to Christ our King.

PRAYER: to be recited daily

Antiphon. That they may all be one, as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee: that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

V. I say unto thee that thou art Peter.

R. And upon this Rock I will build my Church.

Let us pray

O Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst unto thine Apostles: Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; regard not our sins but the faith of thy Church, and vouchsafe to grant her peace and unity according to thy will; Who livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

Daily Intentions suggested

Jan. 18.—*St. Peter's Chair at Rome.* The return of all the "Other Sheep" to the "One Fold."

19.—Reunion of the Eastern and Western Churches.

20.—The repairing of the 16th century breach between England and Rome.

21.—The return of Lutheran and other European Protestants to Holy Church.

22.—The return of all Dissidents to Holy Church.

23.—The return to the Holy Sacraments of lapsed Catholics.

24.—The Conversion of the Jews.

25.—*Conversion of St. Paul.* The Missionary conquest of the whole world for Christ the King.

Recommendations

1. Receive Holy Communion as often as possible during the Octave.
2. Attend Mass daily for the intentions of the Octave.
3. Say a Decade of the Holy Rosary each day for the above Intentions.
4. Offer a penance, a fast, the Stations of the Cross, or some devotion as an act of Reparation for the sins of Heresy and Schism.
5. Offer Prayer or Intention at Mass every Thursday for "The Reunion of Christendom."
6. *Study* the question of Reunion, particularly as it affects Canterbury and Rome.

O GOD the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly Union and Concord: that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, and one Hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of Truth and Peace, of Faith and Charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that He might bring together in one fold all the elect people of God; mercifully grant the guidance of Thy Holy Spirit to all who pray and labour for the visible unity of those who have been baptised in the Name of the Trinity in Unity; and at the intercession of the Blessed Mother of God, of blessed Joseph, of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, of blessed Clement and all Thy saints, bring near the time when with one spirit and one mouth Thy Church may serve Thee in peace and love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty GOD, who dost shed abroad Thy light in the darkness of this world, and hast sent Thy Holy Spirit to protect and guide Thy Church: we give Thee hearty thanks for the Faith which Thou hast vouchsafed to reveal to our fathers of old; humbly beseeching Thee that we may with steadfast will both be faithful guardians of the truth committed to our charge and also by Thy grace prepare our hearts to receive the continual guidance of the Holy Ghost: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty GOD, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head corner-stone; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto Thee, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, who dost lead back them that have gone astray, who gatherest them together that were scattered, and preservest those whom Thou hast gathered; we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldest pour out upon all Christian people the grace of unity, that rejecting all divisions and being joined to the true Shepherd of the Church, they may worthily serve Thee. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed Mary, Lady of Clemency, pray for the peace of the Household of God.